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U.S. fliers say that MIG's they are meeting in combat over Vietnam are piloted by Red Chinese based on Hainan Island who have been heard talking in Chinese on their intercoms.

Mao Tse-tung's sudden "appearance" in his top job in Red China after six months out of sight fails to convince Western observers who say this reported appearance was before a few trusted party officials. The experts remain unconvinced that Mao is functioning again or that he is alive.

Friends of Senator Fulbright say that the loss of contact between President Johnson and Mr. Fulbright hurts the President more than it hurts the Arkansas Senator because "President Johnson really needs Fulbright." The Senator's friends argue that this situation is the result of Senator Fulbright's high standing in the world's intellectual community—"a standing no other American has."

Senator Fulbright is described as convinced that he and other critics of the Johnson Administration cannot influence the President directly, but that their attacks and speeches "will have an effect on public opinion, which will influence the President."

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